Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

Claims 1-18 (canceled)

19. (new) An information reproducing method comprising the steps of:

reading information from an information medium which is rotated; and

adjusting a rotation velocity of the information medium according to a specification of a read request from a user.

- 20. (new) The information reproducing method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the specification of the read request is one of a data reproduction request and a data ripping request which are alternatively made by the user.
- 21. (new) The information reproducing method as claimed in claim 20, wherein a first rotation velocity of the information medium determined when the specification of the read request is the data ripping request is higher than a second rotation velocity of the information medium determined when the specification of the read request is the data reproduction request.
- 22. (new) The information reproducing method as claimed in claim 21, wherein in said adjusting step, the rotation

velocity of the information medium is adjusted according to one of a first data transfer rate for the data ripping request and a second data transfer rate for the data reproduction request.

- 23. (new) An information reproducing apparatus comprising:
 - a motor rotating an information medium;
- an optical pickup reading information from the information medium which is rotated; and
- a control unit adjusting a rotation velocity of the information medium according to a specification of a read request from a user.
- 24. (new) The information reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein the specification of the read request is one of a data reproduction request and a data ripping request which are alternately made by the user.
- 25. (new) The information reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein a first rotation velocity of the information medium determined when the specification of the read request is the data ripping request is higher than a second rotation velocity of the information medium determined when the specification of the read request is the data reproduction request.

- 26. (new) The information reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the control unit adjusts the rotation velocity of the information medium according to one of a first data transfer rate for the data ripping request and a second data transfer rate for the data reproduction request.
- 27. (new) An information reproducing apparatus comprising:

means for rotating an information medium;

optical pickup means for reading information from the information medium which is rotated; and

control means for adjusting a rotation velocity of the information medium according to a specification of a read request from a user.

- 28. (new) The information reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein the specification of the read request is one of a data reproduction request and a data ripping request which are alternately made by the user.
- 29. (new) The information reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein a first rotation velocity of the information medium determined when the specification of the read request is the data ripping request is higher than a second rotation velocity of the information medium determined when the specification of the read request is the data reproduction request.

30. (new) The information reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the control unit adjusts the rotation velocity of the information medium according to one of a first data transfer rate for the data ripping request and a second data transfer rate for the data reproduction request.

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